



KENTUCKY

# Employee Connection

News for the state government workforce

## June 2014

### Payroll Deferral Reminder

The 2012-2014 Budget Bill mandates that the regular payroll of June 30, 2014, cannot be issued prior to July 1, 2014. Therefore, please be advised that the pay you would have received on Monday, June 30, 2014, will be received on Tuesday, July 1, 2014. [Read more.](#)

### KSP Dry Ridge Post returns Purple Heart to family of WWII veteran



The Kentucky Purple Heart Trail doesn't run through Grant County, but Kentucky State Police Post 6 in Dry Ridge has a special connection to it. On May 27th, the post hosted a special ceremony to return a Purple Heart medal to the family of a World War II soldier. [Read more.](#)

### Prevent summer slide for children at your local public library



Summertime is here, and public libraries across Kentucky are offering a wide variety of summer reading activities for Kentucky families. Last year, 145,681 children in the Commonwealth participated, enjoying fun activities, special programs, and the freedom to choose their own reading material. [Read more.](#)

### First Honor Flight for Thomson-Hood Veterans

## Upcoming Events

### 2014 Expos coming soon!

The Kentucky Deferred Comp (KDC) Participant Education Expos offer you the chance to learn more about the state-sponsored 401(k) and 457 Plans and the supplemental retirement savings opportunities they provide. [Read more.](#)

### Kentucky Employees' Charitable Campaign (KECC) plans events

Several fundraising events have been planned, so don't miss your chance to have some fun and contribute to a worthy cause! [Read more.](#)

### Celebrate Fourth of July at a Kentucky state park

Break out the red, white and blue at Kentucky State Parks this July! [Read more.](#)

Check out the [Kentucky tourism website](#) for a complete list of festivals and events across the Commonwealth.

Find more fun things to do. [Read more.](#)

## Training

"Happy, happy, happy"



Mark Bowman knew he would enjoy working with veterans at Kentucky's first veterans' nursing home in Wilmore. He didn't know that just a few months after taking his first state government job, he would have the privilege of accompanying three World War II veterans on the Honor Flight to celebrate the historic 70th Anniversary of D-Day. [Read more.](#)

**It's about more than just a popular phrase on television.** Happiness at work is crucial for our overall wellbeing. It means improved health, higher quality of life and better job performance. The Kentucky Employee Assistance Program is offering two new workshops - Happiness at Work for employees and supervisors. [Read more.](#)

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## More Headlines

### Governor's Ambassador Awards now taking nominations

The Ambassador Awards highlight stories of employees who have significantly and positively impacted the lives and experiences of others. [Learn more and nominate.](#)

### Summertime cold? Allergies?

The First Onsite Employee Care Clinics in Frankfort offer free, convenient wellness services to all employees. [Make an appointment.](#)

### Increments begin July 1

The 2014-2016 Budget Bill (House Bill 235) provides for state employee annual increments. Beginning July 1, 2014, annual increments will be granted to all state employees on their individual anniversary dates. [Read more.](#)

### Employee recognition

Meet Missy Johnson, a 27-year veteran of the Labor Cabinet, and Kerri Richardson, the NAGC Communicator of the Year. [Read more.](#)

### Changes in HumanaVitality fitness devices

HumanaVitality recently improved the member experience for fitness device users. You can now manage all of your device activity directly from your HumanaVitality account.

There are changes to the list of compatible devices and apps. Be sure to log into your HumanaVitality account by June 30 to continue earning Vitality Points™. After this date, HumanaFit will no longer be available. You can still access your account on MapMyFitness, but you will not be able to earn Vitality Points



unless you reconnect a compatible device or app to HumanaVitality.

Log in to your HumanaVitality account through [LivingWell.ky.gov](https://LivingWell.ky.gov) and visit the Fitness and Exercise section under the Get Healthy tab for details.

### **Employee Discounts**

View [employee discounts](#).